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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (37 CFR. § 1.53(b))**  
(Continuation, Divisional or Continuation-in-part application)

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Sir: This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 CFR. § 1.53(b) in the name of inventors:  
John M. Boyd, David Wei and Yehiel Gotkis

For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REDUCING COMPRESSED DRY AIR USAGE  
DURING CHEMICAL MECHANICAL PLANARIZATION**

This application is a ☒ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part

of prior Application No.: **10/029,742**, from which priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 is claimed.

**Application Elements:**

- ☒ 19 Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract  
☒ 08 Sheets of **formal** Drawings  
☒ Declaration  
☐ Newly executed (original or copy)  
☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d) for a continuation or divisional).  
The entire disclosure of the prior application from which a copy of the declaration is  
herein supplied is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying  
application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.  
☐ Deletion of inventors Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in  
the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

Accompanying Application Parts:

- ☐ Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (recording fee of \$40.00 enclosed)
- ☐ Power of Attorney
- ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement by Assignee
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment (*New claims numbered after highest original claim in prior application.*)
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard
- ☐ Small Entity Statement(s) ☐ Statement filed in prior application. Status still proper and desired.
- ☐ Other:

Claim For Foreign Priority

- ☐ Priority of \_\_\_\_\_ Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.
- ☐ The certified copy has been filed in prior application U.S. Application No. \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ The certified copy will follow.

Extension of Time for Prior Pending Application

- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is being concurrently filed in the prior pending application. A copy of the Petition for Extension of Time is attached.
- ☐ Cancel in this application original claims \_\_\_\_\_ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (*At least one original independent claim must be retained.*)

Fee Calculation (37 CFR § 1.16)

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|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----|----|----------------------|----------|
| BASIC FEE   |                       |                       | \$385                | \$  | OR | \$770                | \$770.00 |
| TOTAL CLAIMS  | 16 -20 =              |                       | x09 =                | \$  | OR | x18 =                | \$       |
| INDEP CLAIMS  | 02 -03 =              |                       | x43 =                | \$  | OR | x86 =                | \$       |
| [ ] Multiple Dependent Claim Presented                                |                       |                       | \$145 =              | \$  | OR | \$290 =              | \$       |
| * If the difference in Col. 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in Col. 2. |                       |                       | Total                | \$  | OR | Total                | \$770.00 |

- ☒ Check No. 09670 in the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees beyond the amount enclosed which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. LAM2P311A ).

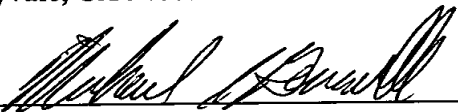
General Authorization for Petition for Extension of Time (37 CFR §1.136)

☒ Applicants hereby make and generally authorize any Petitions for Extensions of Time as may be needed for any subsequent filings. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any extension fees under 37 CFR §1.17 as may be needed to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. LAM2P311A).

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